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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CY, TU  
SUBJECT: TURKISH PLANS FOR VAROSHA

REF: (A) NICOSIA 547 (B) ANKARA 1701

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO SIGNAL WHAT WE REGARD AS THE IMPORTANCE  
OF RETIRING GENERAL SANCAR'S STATEMENT (REF B "THE PORT OF  
FAMAGUSTA IS AN INDISPENSABLE PORT...THE VAROSHA REGION  
IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO IT...SHOULD CATEGORICALLY REMAIN IN  
OUR CONTROL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OUR SECURITY")  
IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT REPORTS (AMONG THEM REF A) ON  
A POSSIBLE FURTHER TURKISH MOVE IN VAROSHA.

2. MOST INFORMATION COMING TO US INDICATES  
TURKISH CYPRIOTS FIRST WILL OFFER GREEK  
OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN VAROSHA THE CHANCE TO RETURN UNDER  
TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION; IF THIS NOT ACCEPTED,  
FEDERAL STATUS FOR VAROSHA WOULD BE OFFERED; AS A  
FINAL FALL BACK GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE OFFERED  
PART OF VAROSHA WITH AN ALLOWANCE FOR A SECURITY  
BUFFER ZONE SOUTH OF FAMAGUSTA PORT. WHAT  
TROUBLES US ABOUT RECENT REPORTS THAT EVEN FINAL  
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TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION WOULD RETAIN ALMOST THE  
ENTIRE BUSINESS CENTER (THE NORTHERN THIRD) OF  
VAROSHA IN TURKISH HANDS, IS THAT A BUFFER ZONE  
OF THESE DIMENSIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE THAN GREEK  
CYPRIOTS COULD SWALLOW.

3. WE WOULD WELCOME ANKARA COMMENT ON SANCAR INTERVIEW

AND ESTIMATE OF WHETHER IT CAN BE TAKEN AS A SERIOUS  
INDICATION OF TURKISH NEGOTIATING INTENT.  
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